



News

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WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of January 13th through January 19th, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 811 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

FALL – Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics responded to the area of Pascal Street and Summit Avenue on January 13th at 6:50 a.m. for a 35 year old male who slipped and fell while walking on the sidewalk and injured his ankle. He was treated and transported to a local hospital.

ASSAULT – On January 13th at 2:36 p.m., Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics responded to the North End-South Como neighborhood for a 26 year old with a lip injury due to an assault. The patient was treated and transported to a local hospital.

MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH – Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics responded on January 13th at 3:10 p.m. to the 800 block of East Third Street for a motor vehicle crash. The seat-belted driver of one vehicle was evaluated and transported to a local hospital.

GARAGE FIRE – On January 13th at 4:02 p.m., Saint Paul Firefighters responded to the 1600 block of Beech Street for a report of a detached garage on fire. Firefighters arrived to find smoking coming from a garage and found a fire in an interior room used as a chicken coop. The occupant admitted having a heat lamp suspended by a wire from a pole over the chickens and a portable floor-mounted electric heater, both of which were on. The fire was caused by either the heat lamp or the portable heater coming into contact with combustible items in the chicken enclosure. Damages are estimated at \$7,000. ***Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from all sources of heat. Please, never leave a portable heater unattended.***



ASSAULT – Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics responded to the 1100 block of Hazelwood Street on January 14th at 8:03 p.m. for a 25 year old male who was assaulted while walking down the street. He was treated for several injuries to his head and face and transported to a local hospital.

CHILDBIRTH – On January 14th at 11:49 a.m., Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics responded to a home in the Payne-Phalen neighborhood for a 20 year old pregnant female in labor. She was evaluated and transported to a local hospital.

VEHICLE FIRE – ARSON – Saint Paul Firefighters responded to a report a vehicle fire on the 1000 block of Sims Avenue on January 16th at 5:19 a.m. Firefighters arrived to find the interior of a vehicle engulfed in flames. Saint Paul Fire and Police Departments are investigating.



COOKING FIRE – On January 17th at 12:13 a.m., Saint Paul Firefighters responded in dangerously cold conditions to a report of a dwelling fire on the 1100 block of Jessie Street. Firefighters arrived to find flames coming out of the kitchen window. After extinguishing the fire, firefighters found a pan melted to the stove top. The owner's daughter admitted to heating oil for cooking and then leaving to watch TV and returning to find the pan of grease on fire. Damages are estimated at \$120,000. ***Cooking is the #1 cause of fires in the home and completely preventable. When you cook, stay and look!***



ELEVATOR RESCUE – Saint Paul Firefighters responded to the 2200 block of Rockwood Avenue on January 17th at 6:57 p.m. for a report of an elderly female stuck in an elevator. Firefighters were able to get the woman out of the elevator and assessed her for any possible injuries, finding none.

OVEN FIRE – On January 19th at 9:04 a.m., Saint Paul Firefighters responded to a report of an apartment on fire on the 800 block of Payne Avenue. They arrived to find and extinguish a fire in the kitchen of an apartment. The resident stated he may have accidentally bumped the oven knob on while cleaning and there had been a pan of used cooking oil stored inside the oven. Damages are estimated at \$16,000. ***Don't store anything inside your oven as they can start on fire if the oven is accidentally turned on or forgotten about when preheating the oven.***



ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMER FIRE – Saint Paul Firefighters responded to a report of a commercial building fire on January 19th at 12:06 p.m. on the 1500 block of University Avenue West. Upon arrival, firefighters found and extinguished an exterior electrical transformer that was burning. A neighboring business was found to have experienced electrical issues and Xcel stated both incidents were connected to the same power failure. Neither business sustained fire or smoke damage.

